Subsequently, the State Police did recover more arms, ammunition and explosives including RDX from Malegaon.

(d) In order to curb terrorists activities, the Government has pursued a multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, improved technology, weaponry and equipments for security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist groups and anti-national elements.

Besides, the State Government has proposed to set up units of Anti Terrorist Squad (A.T.S.) at Aurangabad and Nagpur.

Amendment in Labour Laws in SEZs

†228. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to amend labour laws for labourers working in the special economic zone during coming years, has come forth;

(b) if so, the details of this proposal; and

(c) whether any decision has also been taken by Government to implement these proposals and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in working hours

229. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering increase in working hours for workers;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there will be corresponding increase in wages; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) There is no proposal presently to increase working hours for workers.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Increase in wage ceiling under ESI Act

230. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to increase the wage ceiling for coverage of employees under the Employees State Insurance Act from Rs. 7,500 per month to Rs. 10,000 per month;

(b) whether the Employees State Insurance Corporation which was scheduled to meet on June, 15 to deliberate on this issue has met;

(c) if yes, the details of (a) and the decision taken by the ESIC on this issue; and

(d) how many employees are going to be benefited by increasing the proposed, ceiling in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The ESI Corporation in its 136th meeting held on 15th June 2006 has approved a proposal for enhancing the wage ceiling for coverage under the ESI Act, 1948 from Rs. 7500/- to Rs. 10,000/- per month. The Government has since issued the intention notification on 20th July 2006 *vide* GSR No. 432(E).

(d) Approximately, 5.00 lakh employees and 15 lakh family members are likely to be benefited in the country. Approximately 22,000 employees are likely to be benefited in Andhra Pradesh.